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(POWERS)

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MOSCOW--FRANCIS GARY POWERS WENT ON TRIAL IN MOSCOW EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO ON CHARGES BY THE USSR THAT HE COMMITTED ESPIONAGE BY FLYING OVER RUSSIA IN A U2 PLANE MAY 1, 1960.

TODAY, THE AMERICAN PILOT MARKED HIS 32ND BIRTHDAY AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE TRIAL BY MAKING ENVELOPES IN RELATIVELY MODERN VLADIMIR PRISON 130 MILES EAST OF THIS CAPITAL.

POWERS IS ALLOWED TO CORRESPOND WITH AND RECEIVE GIFT PACKAGES FROM HIS WIFE, BARBARA, 26, AND HIS PARENTS. LIKE THE OTHER PRISONERS, HE HAS NO RADIO OR TELEVISION BUT THE JOB OF MAKING ENVELOPES IS CONSIDERED A PRIVILEGE FOR WHICH PRISONERS MUST RECEIVE PERMISSION.

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